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CALVIN D. WEST  
COUNCILMAN  
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COUNCILMAN CALVIN D. WEST TELEGRAPHED PRESIDENT JOHNSON, ASKING THAT HE CONTACT ELECTED OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE MAYORS OF ALL CITIES THAT HAVE SUFFERED A RIOT. CALVIN WEST FEELS MUCH MIGHT BE ADDED IF CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING ALONG WITH BOTH SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE TO INITIATE A PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE ENOUGH TO REACH THE DESTITUTE AND THOSE BROKEN IN SPIRIT.

THE COUNCILMAN ALSO SOLICITS A PROGRAM OF GREAT MAGNITUDE THAT WOULD ENVISION THE NEEDS OF THE URBAN POOR FOR A PROTRACTED PERIOD OF TIME. THE YOUNG OF THE GHETTO ARE OUR CITIZENS OF TOMORROW THEREFORE, WAYS AND MEANS MUST BE FOUND FOR THEM TO SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ADULT LIFE.

"THIS IS CERTAINLY A TIME WHEN EVERY HUMAN RESOURCE, AND YOU AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, SHOULD GATHER ALL OFFICIALS SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE DIRECTION TO OUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE IF THE RIOTS ARE TO CEASE AND TOGETHERNESS IS TO PREVAIL."

"THE FACT THAT 25 LIVES WERE LOST IS INDICATION THAT ALL COULD HAVE DONE MORE, AND I PERSONALLY SUBSCRIBE TO A MORE VIGOROUS EFFORT. NO ONE PERSON SHOULD FEEL THAT HE TURNED ALL STONES. LET US, IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND DEDICATION WORK ASSIDUOUSLY TO BRING THE BENEFITS OF THIS GREAT NATION TO ALL THE PEOPLE, RICH AND POOR, BLACK AND WHITE."